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Enhancing Services to Strengthen the 241.1 Project for Crossover Youth

On September 4, 2012, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in conjunction with key County departments including the departments of Children and Family Services, Public Health and Mental Health, to develop strategies aligned with findings from the 2011 Conrad N. Hilton Report that would better serve transitional age youth who cross between the dependency and delinquency systems and to expand the 241.1 Crossover Youth Project to increase self-reliance in adulthood and reduce the need for public support. The Board further directed the CEO to consider funding sources and to expedite implementation of program expansion.

On November 2, 2012, the CEO provided its recommendations, which included, among other things, expanding mental health services by hiring five additional psychiatric social workers and introducing substance abuse treatment. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) is currently recruiting these psychiatric social workers (PSW's) on CEO-approved ordinance positions. These PSW's will be co-located in Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) regional offices. The annual \$547,000 cost is

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fully funded with Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) dollars and is being added to its Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 Recommended Budget. These support services are fundamental to ensuring this vulnerable youth population is provided the opportunity to thrive.

The departments are in various stages of implementation of these recommendations and some additional administrative steps are necessary.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in conjunction with the Directors of the departments of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Public Health (DPH) and Mental Health (DMH), to implement the 241.1 Crossover Youth Project recommendations identified in its November 2, 2012 report as follows:

1. Instruct the CEO to transfer \$286,000 in appropriation from the Assignment for the Department of Children and Family Services to the DCFS operating budget to fund the implementation of the 241.1 Crossover Youth Project and costs associated with substance abuse treatment services provided by DPH for the duration of fiscal year 2012-13. In addition, instruct the CEO to identify funding during the FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget, and annually thereafter, in the amount of \$1,143,000 to be appropriated in the DCFS budget to continue implementation of the 241.1 Crossover Youth Project;
2. Authorize the Director of DPH, or his designee, to amend applicable existing substance use disorder services agreements by incorporating new Statements of Work to increase service capacity and expedite implementation, increasing the current contractual maximum obligations by a pro-rated amount for fiscal year 2012-13 and \$1,143,000 annually thereafter, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Supervisors, for treatment slots dedicated to the 241.1 Crossover Youth Project, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and notification to the Board of the particular contract amendments and amendment totals;

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3. Instruct the 241.1 DMH psychiatric social workers to provide *specific* recommendations as to the type of mental health services a youth needs, and which agencies in the youth's service area could provide such services;
4. Authorize the Director of DPH, or his designee, to develop a process for referring crossover youth identified by the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) as needing substance abuse services to a DPH contracted provider for substance abuse assessment and treatment, and a process for tracking the number of youth identified as needing substance abuse services, the number of referrals made and the number of youth who receive these services;
5. Instruct the CEO, DCFS and affected departments to report annually on the 241.1 evaluation measures identified in the CEO's November 2012 report;
6. Instruct County Counsel to work with the CEO to review AB 1405 (2008) and submit revised proposed statutory language to the Legislature to prohibit the use of incriminating information obtained during a clinical interview against a youth in any court proceedings; and
7. Direct DCFS to report back to the Board in 60 days on the status of its Prevention Pilot, including any outcomes and implementation-related issues.

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